

Claim Amendments

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A length of gutter having a vertical fascia panel, a generally vertical outer panel, and a generally horizontal floor panel joining the lower edges of said fascia panel and said outer panel, said gutter having the improvement comprising,

a curved portion between said floor panel and said fascia panel, and
an outer lip extending from said outer panel wherein an end of a first length of said gutter will receive an end of a second length of gutter identical to said first length of gutter with said end of said second length nested into said end of said first length of gutter ~~without requiring a connector member.~~ and said second length of gutter is longitudinally adjustable with respect to said first length of gutter wherein a combined length of said first length and said second length is determined without cutting one of said first length and said second length.

2. (previously amended) The length of gutter of claim 1 wherein said improvement further comprises

a plurality of spaced cuts in said outer lip, said spaced cuts forming a plurality of adjacent tabs wherein a first of said plurality of tabs on said length of gutter is positionable to overlap a second tab on said second length of gutter and

said first and second tabs foldable together to lock said lengths of gutter together.

3. (previously amended) The length of gutter of claim 1 wherein said fascia panel has an upper end and said improvement further comprises

a plurality of spaced vertical cuts in said upper end of said fascia panel forming a plurality of adjacent tabs wherein a first of said plurality of tabs on said length of gutter is positionable to overlap a second tab on said second length of gutter and said first and second tabs are foldable together to lock said lengths of gutter together.

4. (previously amended) The length of gutter of claim 3 wherein said improvement further comprises

a plurality of spaced cuts in said outer lip, said spaced cuts forming a second plurality of adjacent tabs wherein one of said second plurality of tabs is foldable together with an overlapping fourth tab on said second length of gutter to further lock said lengths of gutter together.

5. (original) The length of gutter of claim 4 wherein said plurality of spaced cuts in said outer lip and said plurality of spaced vertical cuts in said upper end extend along an entire length of said length of gutter.

6. (previously amended) A length of gutter having a vertical fascia panel, a generally vertical outer panel, and a generally horizontal floor panel joining lower edges of said fascia panel and said outer panel, said gutter further comprising,

a lip extending from an upper edge of said outer panel,

a plurality of transverse cuts in said lip to form a plurality of adjacent tabs,

a plurality of transverse cuts in an upper edge of said fascia panel to form a second plurality of tabs, and

said length of gutter having an end configured for nesting into an end of a second length of gutter wherein said tabs on said lip and said tabs on said fascia panel of said length of gutter overlap tabs on a lip and on a fascia panel of said second length of gutter and said overlapping tabs are foldable together to lock said nested ends to one another.

7. (original) The length of gutter of claim 6 and further comprising a curved portion between said fascia panel and said generally horizontal floor.

8. (previously amended) A gutter system comprising

a plurality of gutter lengths,

said gutter lengths each having two ends,

a plurality of gutter unit portions,

said gutter unit portions each having at least one end,

said ends of said gutter length and said ends of said gutter unit portion shaped for nesting in an adjacent end of another of said gutter lengths and said gutter unit portions, and

said ends of said gutter lengths and said ends of said gutter unit portions having tabs wherein overlapping ones of said tabs may be folded over to lock said nested ends to one another.

9. (original) A gutter system of claim 8 wherein said gutter unit portions include down spout drops, corners, and end caps.

10. (previously amended) A gutter unit portion for connecting to an end of a length of gutter, said length of gutter having an outer lip and a fascia panel upper end with a plurality of spaced cuts in said outer lip and said fascia panel upper end to form pluralities of adjacent tabs, said gutter unit portion comprising an end adapted to nest with respect to said end of said length of gutter, said end of said gutter unit having a fascia panel upper end portion, a tab on said fascia panel upper end that overlaps one of said tabs on said fascia panel upper end of said length of gutter wherein said fascia panel upper end tabs are foldable together to retain said gutter unit portion to said length of gutter.

11. (canceled)

12. (previously amended) The gutter unit portion of claim 10 and further comprising

a forward panel,

a lip on said forward panel,

a tab on said lip that overlaps one of said tabs on said outer lip of said length of gutter wherein said lip tabs are foldable together to further retain gutter unit portion to said length of gutter.

13. (previously added) A length of gutter having a vertical fascia panel, a generally vertical outer panel, and a generally horizontal floor panel joining the lower edges of said fascia panel and said outer panel, said gutter having the improvement comprising,

a curved portion between said floor panel and said fascia panel, and

an outer lip extending generally vertically from said outer panel, and

a fold line between said outer panel and said outer lip wherein said outer lip is foldable along said crease to extend generally horizontally and wherein a plurality of said lengths of gutter will nest together for storage while said outer lip extends vertically.

14. (previously added) The length of gutter of claim 13 wherein said fold line is a perforation.

15. (previously added) The length of gutter of claim 1 and further comprising a sealant applied to a portion of said fascia panel, said outer panel and said floor for sealing against surfaces of said second length of gutter.

16. (previously added) The length of gutter of claim 6 and further comprising a sealant applied to a portion of said fascia panel, said outer panel and said floor for sealing against surfaces of said second length of gutter.

17. (new) The length of gutter of claim 1 and further comprising a plurality of spaced tabs on said outer lip wherein one of said tabs of said length of gutter can be folded over a portion of said second length of gutter to lock said lengths together at said combined length.